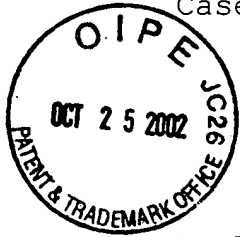


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the final office action mailed, July 25, 2002
in relation to the above-identified patent application, please
amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following Claims:

1. (Amended) A shock-resistant system for operatively
interconnecting circuit cards within a computer system to enable
data to be transmitted and received therebetween comprising:

a) a common backplane having a plurality of circuit
card connectors disposed in spaced apart relation thereon for
supporting circuit cards in a generally upright parallel

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